

SILVA VALLEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

* Juice-it-Up
every Thursday
after school (\$4)

* Kindergarten
packets may be
picked up begin-
ning on 1/25/10
and returned
beginning Feb. 2,
2010

*Interdistrict
transfers due
2/2/10.

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Parent Bulletin

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

January was a busy month despite the rains! While we have been going a little stir crazy with being indoors, your children have been doing an amazing job staying focused and learning! Here are a few items of interest:

We continue to have monthly fire drills and quarterly lockdown and/or earthquake drills. Your children are experts at what to do in these situations!

Our Wednesday staff collaboration days are being used to enhance your child's curriculum, We have been working on differentiation of instruction and techniques to have each child participate more actively in routine classroom lessons (active participation).

On February 27th we will hold an ADA Recovery Day from 8:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m.! Students who have absences due to illness or that were unexcused can attend this day of academic fun and make-up a day! Our staff has generously donated a day to create some fun lessons in art, science, and physical education. Look for more details coming home soon.

Silva Valley is a 2009 Honor Roll School! The Honor Roll schools are "recognized by California's business community for having demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and have made significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students." Silva Valley was awarded the 2009 Scholar Schools award. We are very proud of our students, staff, and parents as it takes us working as partners to have this type of success!

I look forward to seeing you at school –thank you for your constant support!

Kathy Holliman
Principal

Buckeye Education Foundation February Update

Here's some great news for our school-and our community! The Buckeye Education Foundation is off and running in support of our kids. As you may already know, the recently formed Foundation is a district-wide effort aimed at protecting vital staff and services for all 4,527 students in the Buckeye Union School District.

The Foundation is working closely with the individual PTA, PTO or Foundation at each of the eight schools to identify at-risk staff and treasured programs (such as technology, music and reduced class sizes!) that the district may not be able to continue funding. By soliciting large-scale support from the business community and organizations at the regional, state and federal level, in addition to school families, the Foundation's goal is to help protect and expand the level of "whole child" education we currently provide our students.

With ongoing statewide cuts to education anticipated, the success of this Foundation is crucial. And your help is needed! Please plan to attend the Foundation's first big event, a wine tasting/dinner in May—more details will follow. For more information on the Buckeye Education Foundation or for other ways to get involved, visit http://buckeyefoundation.org/Home_Page.html.

FOCUS on
Learning: District
and School Theme
2009-2010

***“If we always
do what
we’ve always
done, we will
get what
we’ve always
got.” Adam
Urbanski***

Student Artist

We are looking for student art to be displayed in the office. If your child has a piece of art, framed or unframed, please feel free to drop it off in the office. We will return it in about one month. Thanks!

Forgotten Items

If your child has forgotten a lunch, band instrument, homework etc., please be sure to bring those items to the office. Students are reminded regularly to check the office first if they have forgotten anything. We do our best to ensure items are given to students but please help us by reminding your students to check the office as well.

Traffic Update

We have a new addition to our “traffic team”! We have purchased some safety men to alert you to our students who are walking, or riding bikes or scooters to school.

Please remember that there is **no student pick-up in the bus turnaround area**. This area is for busses and is also a fire lane. We are placing cones out to help you remember not to enter this area.

Measure K will provide us with a walking ingress to Silva Valley! This summer a walkway will be added by the school marquee so that students have a safe way to walk to and from school! Look for our new and improved sidewalk at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year!

Please remember that we need your help to keep our students safe.

Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp

Registration packets are available on January 19th. Walk in registration will be held on Feb. 6th, 2010 at the El Dorado County Office of Education. Scholarships are available. Registration packets need to be submitted no later than 3/19/10. Session 1 dates are July 11-17th and Session 2 dates are July 18-24. Please go to the website for more information at <http://www.sugarloafcampa.com>.

Enrollment News

Registration packets are now available in the office for kindergarten and new 1st—5th graders.

Kindergarten Enrollment begins February 2, 2010 at 7:00 am in the front office. Registration is taken on a first come first serve basis.

Change of School Forms are available in the office and are due by February 19th. These forms are for anyone interested in changing to a different elementary school in our district.

Interdistrict Transfer Renewals for students on a current Interdistrict Transfer, and/or siblings thereof, must renew/submit the application or employment verification by Feb, 2, 2010.

New Interdistrict Transfer requests will not reviewed until May 17, 2010.

Intradistrict Transfers for students living within the Buckeye District, but not in Silva Valley’s attendance area—If you have filled this out in past years you do not need to submit another one.

GATE CORNER

Welcome Parents, Students, and Family,

□ GATE Testing – Letters of acceptance were sent home to parents. Please remember to return the permission slip to the District Office if you want your child in the GATE program. Also, if your child qualified for the GATE program, parents and students will be discussing a Differentiated Learning Plan with their teacher around the end of the second trimester.

□ Thursday's after school extension program for GATE students: We recently held our monthly meeting where we worked with electrical circuits and extended our knowledge beyond the 4th grade curriculum.

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is not path and leave a trail.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Upcoming Events:

February 18th, 2010: We will be performing our annual egg drop during our after school extension program.

March 11, 2010: California State University, Sacramento Academic Talent Search will be coming to the school to test students for special summer programs. The test will provide information about student's academic skills and help identify special aptitudes that can further be developed. **The test will be offered to all 4th & 5th graders.** The cost of the test will be \$15.00. Look for more information at the end of February. If you have questions, please feel free to view the website at <http://edweb.csus.edu/Project/ats>.

March 18, 2010—After school extension program in room G1; activity to be determined

April 29, 2010—After school extension program in room G1; activity to be determined

May 20, 2010—After school extension program in room G1; activity to be determined

Please feel free to check the website periodically for additional information pertaining to GATE students.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Sigrist
GATE Liaison
Silva Valley Elementary School

Behavior Management Team

.On January 7, 2010, a team of teachers, yard duty supervisors, counselor, parents (one School Site Council Representative and one PTA Representative), and administration met to begin the process of reworking the Silva Valley Student Discipline System. We are working together to develop a comprehensive approach to student behavior so that a united system of values

is defined, modeled and taught to S.V. students in all grade levels throughout their educational experience. We will develop a series of positive rewards and appropriate consequences that will recognize proper behaviors and provide opportunities for students to learn from their mistakes. At our first meeting we identified our goal, discussed our current discipline system, made a

chart of what we do well at Silva Valley and of areas we need to improve upon. We also looked at the Parent Survey Comments, previous discipline patterns for the last 3 years, and reviewed what other districts are doing to promote positive behavior from students. Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 28th. Look for more details as we continue through this process.

Measure K Dollars at Work!

Throughout Buckeye Union School District Facilities improvements have been made using Measure K Funds. As a result of Measure K, Silva Valley received a new shade structure over our lunch tables. We are pleased to announce that beginning the week before Spring Break, constructions on expanding our Computer Lab and Library will begin! Our tentative construction

start date is march 27th. Our last day in the Library and Computer Lab will be March 19th. Students will not be able to check out library books after March 19th or use the computer lab due to construction. The expansion is due to be complete in mid July so that we can reload the Library and Computer Lab to be ready for the 2010-2011 school year! Thanks

to our dedicated PTA and your kindness, we will have 35 new computers in the lab (13 purchased with Measure K money) and the rest from the generosity during our fundraising efforts this year! We have also had individual parents donate software and money targeted for our new computer lab! Look for more updates in future parent bulletins.

Flyers in the Front Office

Kidz Art
Family Service Guide
for El Dorado County
Choices for Children
EDH CSD Activities
Book

School Calendar

January

- 25 Kindergarten packets available for pick up (Return starting 2/2/10)
- 25 Change of School forms available in office

February

- 2 1st day to receive 2010-2011 school year registration
- 2 Kidz Art 2:30-3:30
- 2 Interdistrict transfers/verification of employments due today
- 3 Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal
- 8 Lincoln's Birthday— No school today
- 9 Kidz Art 2:30-3:30
- 10 Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal
- 15 Washington's Birthday—No school today
- 16 Kidz Art 2:30-3:30
- 16-19 5th Graders to Sly Park Field Trip
- 17 B.U.S.D. Board Meeting at D.O. 7:00 p.m.
- 18 P.T.A. Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- 19 Change of School forms due today

Electronic Parent Bulletin

In an effort to recycle and reduce paper usage, and provide better communication, we have implemented sending home our bulletin electronically. If you would like to receive your bulletin via e-mail, please follow these directions:

- Go to www.buckeyeusd.org and click on the Silva Valley school picture
- From Silva Valley's home page click on "Bulletin"
- Click the link and complete the online form to sign up and receive Silva Valley's parent bulletin electronically.

To request a paper bulletin please send the bottom portion of this form to the school office.

Name of child to receive printed bulletin: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____



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2010/2011 Enrollment

Buckeye Union School District announces that beginning February 2, 2010, kindergarten registration for the 2010/2011 school year will be accepted at all of its elementary schools [Buckeye in Shingle Springs (530-677-2277), Blue Oak and Blue Oak Montessori in Cameron Park (530-676-0164), William Brooks in El Dorado Hills (916-933-6618), Silva Valley in El Dorado Hills (916-933-3767) and Oak Meadow in El Dorado Hills (916-933-9746)]. School websites can be accessed at buckeyeusd.org. Registration packets will be available in all school offices beginning January 25, 2010.

Registrations will be taken at school sites based upon designated boundaries. New kindergarteners living in the Valley View area south of Highway 50 should enroll at William Brooks Elementary School. New kindergarteners living in the Silver Dove area (Bass Lake Road development) should enroll at Blue Oak Elementary School. A map of the new boundaries can be accessed at buckeyeusd.org and follow the links: District → Boundaries, then select either middle or elementary school.

A child who resides in Buckeye Union School District and will be five years of age on or before December 2, 2010, may register for kindergarten. **Your child's birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency will be required when you register your child.** If you need any further information regarding registration, please visit or call the school.

All new enrollees for all other grade levels are invited to register on February 2, 2010, according to the boundaries assigned to each site. Be sure to bring proof of residency when picking up registration papers and again when registering your child. Proof of residency information is posted on the district website under the "For Parents" tab.

Any child attending Buckeye Union School District on a current Interdistrict Transfer, and/or siblings thereof, must renew/submit the application or employment verification by February 2, 2010.

New Interdistrict Transfer requests will not be reviewed until May 17, 2010.